

REMARKS

Prompt and favorable allowance of the pending claims in the application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

1. In the drawings

The specification is corrected to overcome the objection to the drawings in the action.

Specifically, the specification at page 8, lines 15-17, is amended by the removal of "w" in reference to Fig. 2. As originally stated, the specification indicates that the wound dressing is intended to be placed against a wound bed. Other drawing figures, such as Figs. 5-9 exemplify the wound dressing placed over a wound bed. There is no need to identify a wound bed in Fig. 2 since the wound dressing is readily understood in connection with other drawings showing a wound bed w.

Further, the specification is amended on page 12 to provide a brief description on Fig. 12. Support for this description is found in originally-filed Fig. 12, and the specification on page 6, lines 4-10. No new matter is considered to be entered into the application by way of this amendment.

In view of the corrections to the specification, there is no need to actually correct the drawings. Removal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

2. In the specification

The specification is also amended to overcome the objection to the specification in the action.

First, as noted above in section (1), the specification is amended on page 12 to describe Fig. 12.

Next, the specification is amended to correctly denote the projection elements with reference numeral "57" instead of "56."

In certain instances, reference numeral "43" now reads "47."

Lastly, reference to "the needles," has been replaced with the consistent usage of the term "the projection elements."

Because of the amendment to the specification, it is submitted that the specification is corrected in view of the informalities noted in the action. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

3. Election

The applicant hereby elects claims 1-14 which belong to invention I, as detailed in the restriction requirement in the action. The applicant reserves all rights to the subject matter recited in the non-elected claims.

4. In the claims

In the "Amendment to the Claims," claims 15-20 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The applicant reserves all rights to the subject matter recited in the cancelled claims, and to file these claims or derivatives thereof in a continuation application.

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5. Conclusion

As a result of the cancellation of the withdrawn claims, amendments to the specification, and allowance of the remaining pending claims 1-14, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the present application be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicant's attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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